MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : (ഡീ) ഭാഗത്തിൽ പറയുന്നതിപ്പോൾട്ടനസരിച്ചുള്ള വേലകൾ എപ്പോൾ ചെയ്യാനാണ് ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നത്?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : അതിപ്പോൾ പറയുന്നതിനു നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

Storage of Salt.

271. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) With reference to the Dewan's reply to Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar's representation at the 18th session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly (page 45 of the proceedings) regarding the payment of *kudivaram* after weighment, *viz.*, "The storage of salt after weighment is a vexed question. Correspondence has been going on for the last one year. The Excise Commissioner is very much against it. I am in correspondence with the British Government in regard to the practice there in this matter. The subject is engaging my serious attention. I wish I could come to an early decision in regard to that point", will the Government be pleased to state how this matter was decided in the light of the reply?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any reply to the communication sent to the British Government on this matter? If so, what is the custom followed in British India?

(*c*) What was the custom followed till the 1st Kumbham, 1095, when the new rules were brought into force?

(*d*) When was the *kudivaram* being paid?

(*e*) Was there any building in the salt factories for stocking the salt, before the 1st Kumbham 1095?

(*f*) What was the procedure followed for weighment, etc., of salt there?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government having found that weighment before storage was indispensable, the rules on the subject were left alone.

(*b*) Yes. The practice now followed in British India is the same as in Travancore.

(*c*) The quantity was ascertained by rough estimation on sight.

(*d*) *Kudivaram* was being paid when the salt was taken delivery of by the Government.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Government have no information.

Sale of salt and profit to Government.

272. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the price of salt to be sold in each locality is actually fixed by them?

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